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Welcome, incoming class of Bulldogs!

Congratulations on joining the UMD community and choosing Duluth to serve as your new home. We are so excited to have you here, and look forward to getting to know you.

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Our team of writers, photographers, videographers, graphic designers and more are striving to create multimedia content for our fellow students -- anything from articles to videos to podcasts to infographics and more.

Through us, you can get news, sports, entertainment and feature stories that are student focused. We want to gather and distribute information that YOU care about because at the end of the day, we are your voice. So come down to the office, interact with us online and let us know who you are and what you want to see! You can come create content with us too.

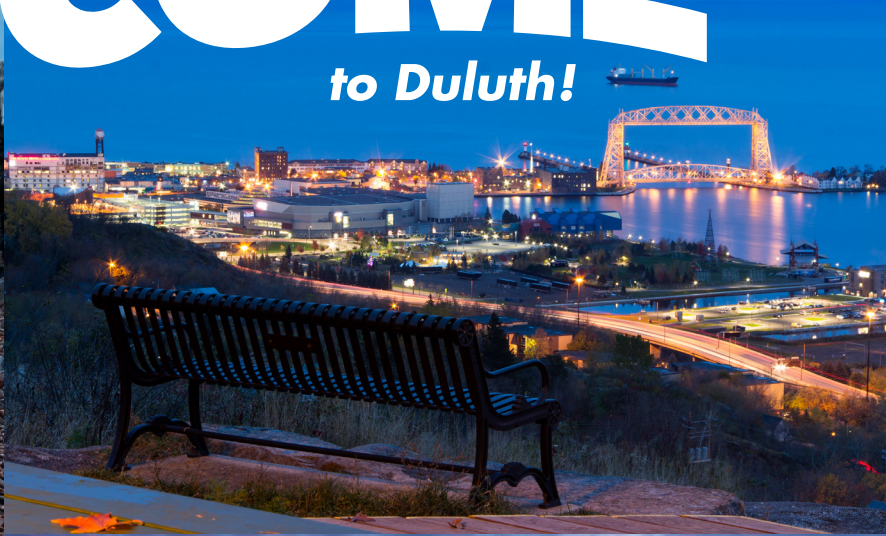
As long as you are at UMD (and even after) our door is open. Congratulations again on joining the UMD family.

Sincerely,
The Statesman Staff





WELCOME
to Duluth!



A MESSAGE FROM UMDPD

On behalf of your UMD Police Department, welcome to UMD! We're glad you're here. Our nine full-time, fully-licensed police officers are ready to serve you, 24-hours a day throughout the year.

We consider you to be our partners in maintaining the safety of our community, and we offer a few simple tips to help you along the way:

- **Call Us Anytime:** We are a phone call away in case of an emergency, and so are the fire department and ambulance service. We also ask that you use 911 to report non-emergencies, such as thefts and damage to property. This is the best way to have us respond, as 911 calls are answered 24/7.
- **Secure Your Valuables:** Unfortunately, theft is a fact of our society and it happens here occasionally, too. The best way to prevent it is by securing your valuables, all the time. Don't leave your dorm room unlocked when you leave, even if it's for a short time. Don't leave anything of value in your vehicle. Don't leave your belongings unattended.
- **Report Suspicious Activity:** Many crimes are prevented by alert citizens watching out for themselves or others, and calling 911 when they see something that looks suspicious. Don't hesitate to call. If it turns out to be nothing, that's OK. Better safe than sorry. And don't ever think that you're bothering us by calling. That's what we're here for.
- **Respect the Weather:** It can get cold here. Really cold. If you head out for a hike or a night out with friends, make sure you dress appropriately for the weather, and let someone know where you'll be. It sounds like a no-brainer, but you'd be surprised at how many times we end up helping out people who fail to take Mother Nature into account when they head out.
- **Watch Out For Each Other:** We're all in this together, so let's take care of one another. Watch out for your neighbors and give them a hand when they need it. Be smart and don't let yourselves or your friends get into situations that could lead to danger.
- **Don't Be Afraid of Us:** Our officers are not out to write tickets or arrest people or make life uncomfortable for you. We do have a job to do and sometimes it's tough, but we're part of this community too and we really are here to help, serve, and protect you. And we like to talk and answer questions, so feel free to come up and say hello. We invite you check out our Ride-Along program or consult us on classroom projects if it's something we can help you with.

The safety of the UMD community is our top priority and we look forward to partnering with you in making this a great year.

-Chief Sean Huls
UMD Police Department



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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF DEALS WITH YOUR STUDENT ID

By: Natalie Grant

Your student ID is not only the key to dining dollars and campus printers, it also serves as a way to save money at the places you shop everyday. Many restaurants, clothing stores and online shops offer special student discounts just by showing your student ID or entering a student email.

Online Deals:

Spotify: \$4.99 Spotify Premium membership when you sign up with a student email

Amazon: Get a free 6 month trial Amazon Prime membership with two day shipping and then 50 percent off your Amazon Prime membership until graduation.

Online news sources: Publications like The Wall Street Journal, The Economist and The New York Times offer special student discounts on subscriptions.

Adobe: Student discounts as high as 60% on software like Adobe Premier and Photoshop with a student email

Restaurants In Duluth:

Culvers: Receive 10% off with your student ID

Erbert and Gerbert's: Show your student ID for a free fountain drink with purchase

Arby's: Receive 10% off with your student ID

Businesses with Deals:

Marcus Theatres: \$5 movie nights on Tuesday and Thursday with a student ID

Apple: Get special back to school discounts as well as a free Apple Store gift card

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Spirit Mountain: College Thursday offers special discounts on lift tickets, rental costs and much more starting January 18.

Glensheen Historic Estate: FREE admission for a Classic Tour with a UMD student ID.

Goodwill: 20 percent off purchases on Thursdays with student ID



EXPLORING THE CITY WITH MA & PA: HERE'S WHERE TO GO

By: Cate Tanner and Samantha Church

If this is a first time visit, or a returning one, there is always something new to find in Duluth. Whether you're a family of foodies or looking forward to exploring Duluth's various hiking trails, checking out the local bands, or taking a dip in the lake, we've got you covered.

BEACHES

Duluth is home to the largest freshwater lake in the United States: Lake Superior. There are many beaches that feature its blue water.

Park Point is a beach at the end of Minnesota Avenue. It stretches approximately seven miles long with sandy shores, unlike most of Duluth's rock beaches.

Lakewalk and Canal Park also have beaches and feature plenty of shops and sights to see when walking around, including the Aerial Lift Bridge.

Brighton Beach, at the end of London Road, has many areas for picnics and grilling. The beach follows the shoreline of Lake Superior and hosts many hiking trails.

SHOPPING

Miller Hill Mall is home to an abundance of retailers, including Barnes & Noble, Old Navy, American Eagle, Dick's Sporting Goods and Express. Whether it's a rainy day or just a little too cold to be outside, there are plenty of shops to check out.

Canal Park, Duluth's most popular spot for summer tourists, features

not only the lift bridge and lighthouses, but also a plethora of restaurants and shopping opportunities. If you're looking for a souvenir or want to grab a bite, this is the place for you.

Downtown Duluth hosts many locally owned shops, including bookstores, antique shops, clothing stores and restaurants. Check out the Electric Fetus,

Duluth Trading Company and Art in the Alley, among others.

EATERIES

Duluth Grill, situated in West Duluth, is a local favorite. Featuring homemade comfort food and veggies straight from their on-location garden, Duluth Grill offers lots of delicious, organic dishes.

If you're looking for a burger or some classic bar food, Fitgers Brewhouse is the place to go. House-brewed beers are available for Ma & Pa, and you can also take tours of the brewery.

Canal Park Brewing Company is another great place to check out local food and locally brewed beer. Featuring an all-season patio, tours, and dishes that feature locally grown or organic ingredients, this microbrewery is a Duluth favorite.

HIKING

Hiking in Duluth is a popular pastime enjoyed by many native Duluthians. With over 129 parks in the area, according to duluthmn.gov, the choices are endless.

One of the most popular spots is Enger Tower, known for its view of nearly all of Duluth.

Close to campus are two parks, Hartley and Chester Park. Hartley park is a scenic place for canoers to fish as well as a good spot for mountain bikers. Chester Park is home to 2.5 miles of trails, bridges and waterfalls.



A WORD TO YOU: Q&A WITH ASSOCIATE VICE CHANCELLOR OF STUDENT LIFE CORBIN SMYTH



By Kevin Ott

Corbin Smyth is the Associate Vice Chancellor of Student Life at UMD, a position he has held for five years. Smyth received his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana University, Master's Degree from the University of South Carolina and Doctorate from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. He loves living in Duluth, and in his free time enjoys mountain biking, hiking, coaching youth baseball and spending time with his two sons.

Q. In your opinion, what is the best part about being a new college student?

"There are so many great parts. The excitement, the unknown, the anxiety and the challenges are what I think make it great. Leaving something behind to get something new, and not always knowing what lies ahead. I still have vivid memories of my first week -- meeting new people, establishing new relationships and realizing I was becoming a new person. That's why high school graduation is called commencement: it's the beginning of that new life and new experience."

Q. What are your favorite areas of campus? of Duluth?

"One of my favorite areas of campus is the new Kirby Lounge. It can provide a quiet environment for students to study, but it is also a place filled with activity if that's what you're looking for. The Multicultural Center has that same feel as well, where there are semi-private offices but it feels like a welcoming space at the same time. The fact that both of these places are centrally located in the heart of campus, I feel, is completely intentional."

"In Duluth, I really like to go to Brighton Beach. There's the rocks and the waves, and it's not super busy because it isn't a sandy beach. I really like hiking at Lester Park and Hawk Ridge as well."

"I think that students have got to visit these places that make Duluth special. Hartley Park, Enger Tower, Canal Park and much more. Many students won't have a car, but there are many resources available to them to get to these places."

Q. What are a few examples of ways new students can get involved on their campus?

"After Welcome Week, there are many ways in which students can get connected right away. If students are really involved with their faith, there are several religious groups and services on campus. If they're involved as an athlete, look for when intramural signups happen for the various teams. Club sports teams are available for them too."

"Students should definitely go to the Activities Fair as well. That takes place September 7, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Kirby Terrace. It is a great, easy way to get exposure to a lot of groups. They also just need to see what's out there for themselves to find what's right for them."

Q. For those students with a specific desire to be a leader, what are some ways they can get involved in leadership on campus?

"If interested in leadership and student government, there will be freshman elections for Student Association. That information will come out September 1. They can run for freshman president, vice president and five student representative positions. They are all held specifically for incoming freshman students."

"Besides those seven positions, just getting involved in different groups early and volunteering for roles in a student organization really helps to start building credibility with them. And if students find that a particular group isn't for them, there's no pressure to stay in it. It's all about finding what is right for them."

"In the future, if a student finds they are really enjoying a particular class, I would encourage them to talk to the professor and express interest in possibly becoming a TA. Becoming an RA or Rockstar are also ways for students to build leadership skills later on in their college career."

Q. Where are some of the best places to check for student organizations or activities that one might be interested in?

"The Activities Fair will be huge. The Bulldog Link website (z.umn.edu/bulldoglink) is the conduit to all student organizations, and is nice because you can search keywords for any groups that one might be interested in."

Q. What are some of the newly remodeled areas/projects-in-progress on campus?

"The new Superior Dining Center has been a huge transition that was just finished last year. The CAMS (Chemistry and Materials Science) building is getting ready to begin construction, and this incoming class will be able to take advantage of that by the second semester of their sophomore year, so that's something to get excited about. It's expanding our footprint for the sciences: state-of-the-art classrooms and labs, more opportunity for better interaction with faculty and higher student capacity."

"There will also be a brand new track around the football field, and a Romano Gym renovation is on the horizon that we're hoping to get funding approved for in the near future."

Q. Are there any new policies going into the school year?

"No new policies that I'm aware of, but one huge thing new students need to be aware of is the attendance policy. They need to attend that first class, and if they can't, they have to make contact

with their professor. Not attending the first class is a message to the professor that you are not coming, and that professor might open that spot for someone else.”

“What’s not a policy, but is good practice, is being smart when looking for off-campus parties. Students should look for opportunities to engage socially off-campus, but they should know where they are going, who they are going with and who they are coming home with at all times.”

Q. Are there any student resources here at UMD that you think aren’t utilized enough?

“I think the Tutoring Center is by far the least utilized resource by new students on campus. It offers excellent peer tutors, excellent leadership and understanding of the classes and specific faculty. If you already know you’re not strong in a particular subject, get assistance from the Tutoring Center right away before you get stressed out with a bad grade later in the semester. The smartest students take advantage of the Tutoring Center early in their college career.”

“Another area that should be utilized more by new students is the Career and Internship Services. Students should not think they should wait to get connected with this resource until the last couple of months before graduation. They can consult about choice of major, career path and potential internships, so this is another great resource that should get utilized more.”

“The nutritionist in the Superior Dining Center is also a great resource for students who have allergies, specific dietary requirements or desires, and many students don’t know that we have a nutritionist on campus specifically for them.”

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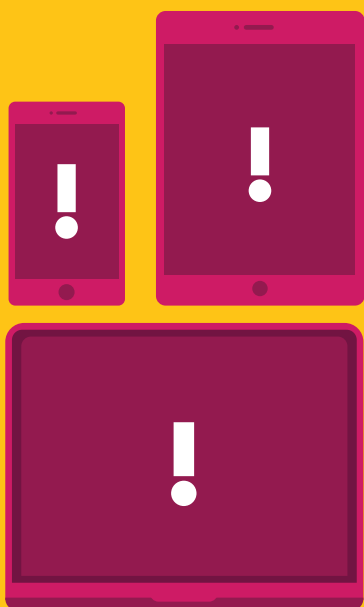
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